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CIA Chief Urges 'Freedom Commitment'



GEORGE H.W. BUSH ADDRESSING R-MC GRADUATES

To the People Still Believe in Freedom

The director of the Central Intelligence Agency has told Randolph-Macon College graduates he is concerned about the credibility of the United States and urged them to make a "commitment to freedom."

George H.W. Bush said in yesterday's commencement speech in Ashland that he is "worried about the credibility of the United States as seen through foreign countries."

"They're trying to decide where we're at," he said.

Bush, who was special envoy to China before President Ford appointed him to head the CIA, said China is "committed" and "credible."

"But they look at us and I really wonder ... I wonder what they think of the United States," Bush said.

China and other countries are asking whether the United States is committed and whether the people still believe enough to sacrifice, Bush said. They wonder about the United States' commitment to "oppose the export of communism," he stated.

that America export its system but said it has an obligation to countries that want to be free.

"As you leave here, don't give up your interest in learning ...," Bush told the more than 160-member class. "Expand your interests to include a comparative look at the world."

"We've got problems here but how are we compared to the other 154 countries around the world?"

He said he hoped the graduates would make a "commitment to do more than sit on the sidelines and criticize" this country and would make a "commitment to freedom."

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